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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.113, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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The foregoing documents were cited by the examiner in Applicants' corresponding Japanese application.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office office action, documents A2-A6 disclose that a communication result can be selected and output.

As noted, the characterizations of the Japanese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicant's representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement to the opinions expressed in the Japanese Office Action.

Document A2 discloses storing histories of communication results of facsimile communication, wherein a history desired to be displayed is selectable.

Document A3 discloses storing communication results including information indicative of a recipient of a facsimile, so that the communication results can be output for every recipient.

Document A4 discloses registering PIN on a communication-participant basis and outputting communication results for every PIN.

Document A5 discloses selecting only the communication results including a specific user and outputting them.



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Documents A1 and A5 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A6 discloses outputting communication records according to various criteria input by a user (such as successful communication result, unsuccessful communication result, transmission result, reception result, date and time of communication, type of communication circuit, information about recipient, type of communication service and latest communication record).

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

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